



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the Telecom Pioneers of America, founded in 1911, is the largest social industrial service organization in the world and is celebrating 91 years of distinguished service bettering our communities and lives of our neighbors; and*

*WHEREAS, the telecom pioneers of America, whose members are active and retired employees of the telephone communications industry and include more than 1700 Idaho members from the companies of Mountain Bell, US West and currently Qwest Communications, have contributed their expertise to Idaho's technological vitality; and*

*WHEREAS, the Telecom Pioneers of America bring comfort and friendship to the lonely and aged, laughter and joy to children with disabilities, and willing hands to help beautify our environment; and*

*WHEREAS, the Telecom Pioneers are committed to improving the lives of Idaho children through its "Hug-A-Bear" program, introduced over 20 years ago and providing over 2,500 stuffed bears to help children who are victims of traumatic situations;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 2002, to be*

**PIONEER MONTH**

*in Idaho and encourage all Idahoans to recognize this outstanding group.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE